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Subject: MLPA Restrictions

I have lived and worked on a ranch near Stewarts Point for over 30 years and have done my share of fishing and taken abalone there throughout that time. Once open to public use and then closed due to prohibitive insurance costs, this area has been preserved and protected by the owner at no cost to either the state or county agencies. The small amount of take that has occurred since closing this area to the public is insignificant to the overall coastal health and productivity that this stretch of coastline has to offer. The restrictions that are to occur here seem extremely redundant and a waste of our tax monies. Reducing limits for abalone and resting those areas that have seen the highest use and abuse seem to be the most effective method to preserve the resource. "If it ain't broke...... John Browne